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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 24, 2009

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 7:02 p.m. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman and Michael Shulman. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Vine Hill Interim Principal Michelle Stewart and Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

Board President Sue Roth asked that agenda item B8 be pulled to come to the Board at a future meeting)
MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0 (with above modification)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ♦ Congratulations go to Brook Knoll for their Life Lab grant of \$500. This grants helps support the gardens that students plant, care for and harvest.
- ♦ Senator Joe Simitian sponsors a project called There Oughta Be A Law to which Superintendent Silver submitted a proposal. The proposal was to put STAR test scores on high school students' transcripts as an incentive to take the tests more seriously. The suggestion was not accepted, but news that the Governor is now limiting the number of bills that can be presented each year is encouraging since education has to keep up with literally hundreds of new bills each year.
- ♦ Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and many other Representatives wrote to Governnor Schwarzenegger to express their concerns about a reported misunderstanding regarding who should decide how local educational agencies spend State Fiscal Stabilization Funds allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The letter went on to say it was the intent of Congress that local educational agencies may determine how they will use the Stabilization Funds and that resources be allocated from the state to school districts and institutions of higher education as soon as possible.
- ♦ Superintendent Silver sits on the Cabrillo College advisory board which is determining budget cuts like most educational agencies this year. Ms. Silver was concerned that the Cabrillo College Scotts Valley

branch may be on the list of cuts, but was happy to report that Cabrillo College has decided to maintain the classes required for students to obtain an AA degree at the Scotts Valley branch.

- The County Office of Education is very supportive of districts' intervention programs and hosted a recent workshop on the topic. The speaker was the author of the book Scotts Valley's administrators use for their professional development. The workshop was very well received.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the high school surf team championship, budget cuts and physical education requirements.

Erin Bond, Shara Sheard and Tanya McAdams addressed the Board regarding their opinions concerning the budget.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Accept for Information the 2009-10 General Fund Revenue Projections

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented to the Board the revenue projections which are essential to the development of a school district budget. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Tania McAdams addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Superintendent Silver addressed Ms. McAdams' remarks for clarification.

2. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Shulman/Niday 5-0

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

MSP Niday/Gumz 5-0

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2009

2. Approve Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of March 6, 2009

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

3. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2009

4. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2009

5. Adopt the Single Plan for Student Achievement from Scotts Valley High School

6. Approve the Purchase and Installation of Window Coverings for Scotts Valley High School

7. Approve the Amendment to the Agreement with ADA Compliance Consultants to Include Drainage Control Design Around G2, C4 and C7

8. Approve the Installation of HVAC Energy Management Systems on Buildings C-4, C-7, and G-2 at Scotts Valley High School (B8 pulled - to be brought to Board in the future)

9. Approve the Retention of Engineering Consultants for the Assessment of Exterior Lighting and for Providing Specifications and Construction Documents for Improved Exterior Lighting at Scotts Valley High School

10. Approve an Agreement with HMC Architects to Provide Architectural Design and Construction Services for Site Accessibility Repairs and Miscellaneous Close-out Issues at Scotts Valley High School

11. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report

12. Approve Warrants

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board member Larry Beaman expressed his pleasure regarding his recent visit to Brook Knoll with Superintendent Silver who visits a different school site each Thursday. Mr. Beaman thanked Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle for her time during the visit.
- Board member Allison Niday also accompanied the Superintendent on a site visit to Vine Hill and expressed how nice it was to get to observe classes in progress. Ms. Niday also attended one of the monthly *Conversation with the Superintendent* meeting. She participated March 6th on the Strategic Planning committee and also chairs the Legislative Action Committee which met on February 23rd. Ms. Niday reminded everyone that the County Office is hosting a meeting with Senator Joe Simitian this Thursday at 6:00pm. She also participates on the high school's IB program self-study which has given her the distinct pleasure of conversing with many of the IB students.
- Board Clerk Michael Shulman attended a recent *Conversation with the Superintendent* which he found very interesting.
- Board Vice-President Jondi Gumz also attended the recent *Conversation with the Superintendent*. Ms. Gumz is participating in the IB self-study and finds it to be a well rounded group. She attended the bi-monthly meeting of City and School District and felt the conversation was productive. She provided information that the City will support recycling projects at the school sites. She also expressed her concerns regarding the budget.
- Board President Sue Roth is also participating in the IB self-study group and would like to see more communication out about the outstanding IB program we have in Scotts Valley USD. Ms. Roth attended a session of California Forward which is looking at state government with a focus on taxation and encouragement of non-voters to express their opinions through voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **8:45 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
 Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
 Clerk to the Board of Trustees